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BIG WET BRINGS FIXTURES CHAOS



● Greek International John Samaras salutes after his winning goal for South Melbourne last Sunday, as Olympic captain John Kosmina disconsolately fishes the ball out of the net.

THE heavy rains that swept through the Eastern seaboard at the weekend played havoc with sporting fixtures and, with more rain forecast, the position can only get worse.

Three NSL matches, Brisbane Lions v Apia Leichhardt, St George v Marconi and Juventus v Sunshine Cross had to be called off.

Juventus was due to play at the Olympic Village, Heidelberg, but it was obvious as early as 8.00am on Sunday that the ground was unfit.

If any more NSL games are cancelled in Melbourne, the situation could get chaotic.

With the Gold Cup just four weeks away a backlog of fixtures is the last thing anybody wants, because the lack of floodlights on club grounds means that Olympic park will be pressed into service more than is desirable.

The Park is already booked for three Gold Cup games in six days, with Australia playing Brazil on July 7, Argentina playing Brazil on July 10 and Brazil playing Saudi Arabia on July 14.

With a schedule like that, the Olympic Park Management won't be looking for any more engagements.

If the rain doesn't ease off considerably before the weekend a lot of grounds in Victoria will be unplayable, especially those in the Eastern Suburbs, like Ringwood's Jubilee Park and Oakleigh's Caloola Reserve.

By LES SHORROCK



● Several clubs, including Oakleigh and Northcote are chasing transfer-listed Ian Dobson of Melbourne Croatia, but Croydon could win the race.



FOOTSCRAY JUST SOUVENIR P.8 & 9

The secret of South's success



● South Melbourne coach Brian Garvey is not the only ingredient in the team's success.

AS South Melbourne continues to confound the pundits by sending boys in to do the work of men with more success than the men who preceded them, there has been considerable speculation over the reasons for so many top performances.

Most of the credit rightly goes to coach Brian Garvey, who goes about his work with the minimum of fuss and a smile that belies a tough interior.

Garvey does not look like a man with a broad streak of individualism, but it took such a man to replace local hero John Samaras midway through the second half of last Sunday's game against Sydney Olympic.

With almost 5000 Greeks hanging on Samaras' every move Garvey could have been castigated if South had lost its 2-1 lead. He went ahead anyway and proved to all that he was the boss.

So when Garvey is accorded the praise he thoroughly deserves, one is inclined to forget the other ingredients that go towards forging a successful team.

Call it the secret of South's success if you will, but it is that elusive quality often referred to by coaches and players when nothing else springs to mind. Spirit.

In this case, at least in the opinion of president Bill Georgantis, it is THE secret of South's success so far.

"I know it is an over-used phrase, but looking at what we have achieved with a lot of youngsters, it has undoubtedly had an awful lot to do with our performances," he said.

"The atmosphere at the club has changed a lot this season. None of the players go home early after games, for instance, like they used to.

"They all stay together enjoying each other's company and I believe this has helped mould them together as a team on the park.

"Even the committee has changed. We now mix with the players three or four times a week and enjoy it.

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Melbourne
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"If I was to describe the club as it is now, I would say it is a family club. The players are young, they are learning together under a man who knows how to teach them and they really enjoy playing together.

"As far as I am concerned, that is our secret. Enjoyment, enthusiasm and involvement. There are no cliques. At the moment we are all one big happy family."

Whether this is caused by results which are way beyond the expectation of even the most dedicated supporters is difficult to ascertain. Nor is it that important.

The important fact is that a South team that was torn apart deliberately by Garvey in the interests of closer harmony and economy has knitted together again in a manner which suggests that there must be some deeper secret.

Like huge financial inducements, which are usually good for motivation.

This isn't so. South's wage bill has returned, as I was told, to more sane proportions.

"Maybe it is the enthusiasm of youth, but these players don't even think about money," I was told. "In a way they are real professionals. The game comes first."

If this spirit could be bottled, South could make a fortune. As it is it is more than happy to enjoy the effects.

But one can't help wondering how the rest of the West End National League will cope when it matures.

SNIPPETS

THE folks at Frankston Pines have big hearts, as Dennis MacLeod would be only too ready to testify.

The cheerful defender who transferred from Western Suburbs this year was working away happily at his new job as a TV antenna erector when he fell off the roof of a two-storey house.

He broke an arm, a leg and his jaw and things looked pretty bleak, but his teammates came to the rescue.

They organised a disco night that raised \$900 and now, I hear, they are all chipping \$5 a piece every week to help buy the groceries.

Nice one fellows!

THE all-important European Championships kick off in Dusseldorf, West Germany, tomorrow, with the opening match in Group One an enthralling one between West Germany and Italy.

Then, on Saturday, also



By
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in Group One, Denmark takes on Spain in Hanover. Group One continues next Tuesday, June 14, with West Germany v. Denmark in the afternoon in Gelsenkirchen followed by Italy v. Spain in the evening in Frankfurt.

The final day of the first round will be on Friday week, June 17, when West Germany takes on Spain in the afternoon game in Munich's Olympic Stadium, followed by Italy v. Denmark at night in Cologne.

GROUP Two kicks off in Stuttgart on Sunday with England taking on Jackie Charlton's



● European footballer of the year Ruud Gullit of Holland.

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VLADO FINDS MAGIC TOUCH



● Paul Trimboli... very good at beating his markers.



● Vlado Bozinovski... Soccerroo selection gave him new confidence.

WATCH out Mike Petersen — Vlado Bozinovski is after your job.

After being selected to the Soccerroo squad two weeks ago, Bozinovski suddenly found the scoring touch that had been eluding him for so long.

Only four days after his selection, Bozinovski notched one of the goals in Footscray's 2-1 victory over St George.

And, last Sunday, he scored twice as JUST crushed Wollongong 4-1.

Arok selected him for his skill, his work-rate and his speed, while acknowledging that any goals Bozinovski might score would be an unexpected bonus.

But Bozinovski was determined not to be merely a member of Arok's training squad, to be discarded when the final squad was announced later this month for the Bicentennial Gold Cup against Brazil, Argentina and Saudi Arabia.

By adding scoring power to his box office of tricks, Bozinovski has become a real threat to Petersen who won a midfield position during the Olympic qualifying series. Petersen has the disadvantage of playing in the Brunswick Juventus team which is on the bottom of the ladder, while Bozinovski's Footscray has been surging steadily towards the top five. Obviously Arok also is considering the under-standing Bozinovski has with Soccerroo king pin Oscar Crino in the Footscray midfield.

Everyone expected Bozinovski to score goals galore after he finished top scorer in the Ansett World Cup country-off-origin series late last year. When I spoke to him on the evening of his Soccerroo selection, he said he just could not understand why the goals had been eluding him.

Perhaps it was all a matter of confidence with so many illustrious players around him — Crino, Murphy, Spink, Dimoski, Lujic — perhaps Bozinovski tended to put himself into a back-seat role: even subconsciously. Whereas he once had been JUST's playmaker, that role now belonged to Crino, while Bozinovski was doing more of the chasing. And with Spink and Dimoski up front, the onus of scoring goals did not necessarily lie with Bozinovski.

Then came Soccerroo selection and a sudden surge in confidence which appears to have made all the difference. It's all a matter of decisions, attitude and timing out there on the field. I suggest his decisions

By
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Age



are now firmer, his attitude more positive and his timing a little sharper. The first goal added further confidence and if he remains on this high throughout the Soccerroo training camps, Bozinovski may well force his way into the first eleven. But don't underestimate Petersen. He'll be in there fighting and who knows, he may notch a couple against APIA on Sunday to switch his own psychological processes into a higher gear.

Born in Ohrid, Yugoslavia 24 years ago, Bozinovski came to Australia at the age of six and played for Legia West Newport, Altona City, Melbourne Hungaria and Slavia before spending three months on loan to Yugoslav First Division club Dinamo Zagreb in 1982. He returned to play for Hellas-Hakoah in the Victorian State League, graduated to the South Melbourne Hellas NSL team and returned to Yugoslavia for 16 months with Dinamo Zagreb South Melbourne reserves before joining Footscray for a \$8000 transfer fee in 1985.

Bozinovski is one of three Victorian newcomers to Arok's squad, the others being South striker Paul Trimboli and Bozinovski's Footscray teammate Gary van Egmond.

Before deciding to give Trimboli a chance, Arok agonised whether the young South star had the qualities necessary to displace any of the present Soccerroo forwards. He asked for example, was he as fast as Farina, as tough as Kosmina, as versatile as Arnold, as tall as Mitchell?

He is none of that. But no one is better than Trimboli at beating a marker — and every striker is marked. He also has better ball skills than any of the above and while he may not be as fast as Farina, he is a flash of lightning compared with Kosmina.

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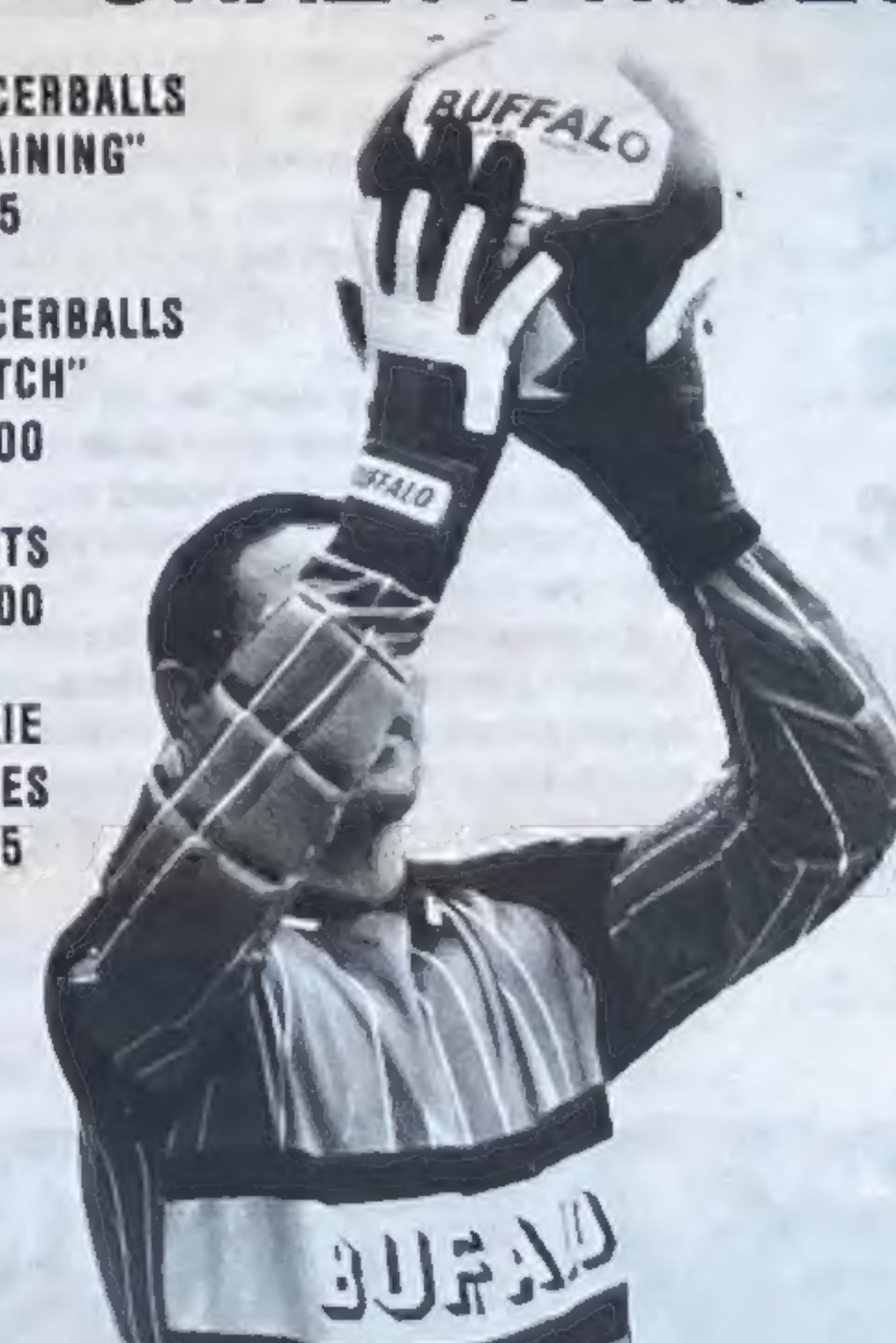
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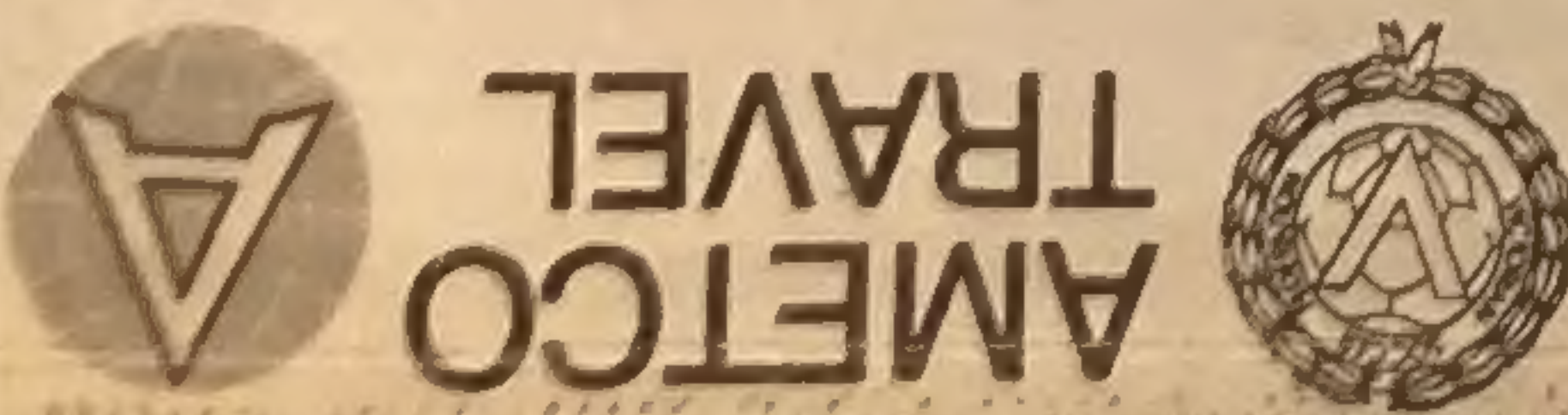
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NATIONAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

ROUND EIGHTEEN DETAILS

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Wright 16th, Samaras 47th)
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Kosmina 71st)
 at Middle Park, Sunday. Crowd 4576. Referee C. Bambridge.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren — Fernandes, Healy, Blair, Postecoglou — Wade, Kalogeros, Tasios, Samaras (Tsolakis 75th) — Wright, Trimboli. Coach Brian Garvey.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling — Hooker, Dakos, Ironside, Phillips — Pontidas (Polak 80th), Saad, Lee, Raskopoulos — Kosmina, Patalis. Coach Eddie Thomson.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Villani 5th, Tobin 78th)
SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (Slater 35th, Lamond 87th, Arnold 89th)

at Olympic Sportsfield, Sunday. Crowd 3200. Referee J. Rossis.
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica — Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Flounders, Tobin — Melta, Northcote, Villani, Santrac — Mullen, Maxwell. Coach Zoren Matic.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken — Savor, Hunter, Jones, Jennings — Clinch, Foster (Rezo 83rd), Petkovic (Krslovic 83rd), Arnold — Slater, Lamond. Coach Vedran Rozic.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Tasevski 57th)
MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (White 16th, 77th, Lewis 4th, Milosevic 11th)
 at Connor Reserve, Sunday. Crowd 4500. Referee G. Power.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianides — Opatinis (Piculovski 70th), Tasevski, Roodhouse, McLennan — Stewart, Campbell, Petrov, Gojevic — Dimovski (Slikas 60th), Stevenson. Coach Andon Donevski.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Olver — Heys (Tajalic 60th), Hannah, Dunn, Donnelly — Davidson, Scott, Milosevic, Biskic — White, Lewis. Coach Ian Wallace.

WOLLONGONG 1 (Brodnik 75th)
FOOTSCRAY 4 (Bozinovski 4th, 35th, Dimoski 9th, Spink 58th)
 at Brandon Park, Sunday. Crowd 2795. Referee W. Monteverde.
WOLLONGONG: Young — Skeen (Kotamanides HT), Vlietstra, Ratcliffe, Hollifield — Cokely, Morlando (Easthorpe HT), Brodnik, Crainie — Francis, Brazil. Coach John Fleming.
FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic — Barjaktarevic, Deankovic, van Egmond, Fabrizio (Lazopoulos 80th) — Murphy, Bozinovski, Crino, Mitrovski — Spink, Dimoski. Coach Mirsad Fazlagic.

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YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

CAULFIELD CITY 2 WAW/MULGRAVE 0
 SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 OAKLEIGH 1
 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 MELB. CROATIA 3
 CLARINDA 1 NUNAWADING 2
 CLIFTON HILL 1 FOOTSCRAY 2
 JUVENTUS v GEORGE CROSS PP

Leading Goalscorers

12. Farina (Marc)	3. Bundalo (Apia)
11. Spink (Foots)	Bozinovski (Foots)
10. Lewis (Mel. Cro 2 pens)	Campelj (G.X.)
8. Maxwell (Adcity)	Carter (G.X.)
Lamond (Syd Cr.)	Gomez (Marc)
7. Arnold (Syd. Cr.)	Lennon (G.X.)
Nastevski (Marc)	Lightbown (Lions)
Palatides (Juve 3 pens)	McLaren (G.X.)
Postecoglou (S.M 3 pens)	Markovski (G.X.)
6. Dimoski (Foots)	Milosevic (Melb Cr.)
Easthorpe (Woll)	Parton (G.X.)
Kosmina (Syd. O)	Smith (P.M.)
Ollerenshaw (St.G)	Taliodoros (S.M.)
5. Egan (Juve)	White (Mel Cr.)
Meredith (Lions)	2. Ainsworth (Woll) (1 pen)
Phillips (APIA)	Biskic (Mel Cr)
Saad (Olymp)	Brown R (APIA)
(2 pens)	Campbell (P.M.)
Trimboli (S.M.)	Crainie (Woll)
Vidmar (Adcity)	Dwyer (Lions)
4. Brazil (Woll)	Drury (Lions)
Brodnik (Woll)	Fabrizio (Foots)
Clark (G.X.)	Fletcher (St.G)
Crino (Foots)	Francis (Woll)
Gray (Marc)	Hagan (St. G)
Koczka (St.G)	Ilic (St. G)
Melta (4 pens)	Low (Marc)
Stewart J. (P.M.)	McKenna (APIA)
Stewart R. (Lions 3 pens)	Mengotti (Lions)
Slater (Syd Cr.)	Moffitt (St. Geo)
Tasios (S.M.)	Mullen (Adcity)
Wright (S.M.)	Murphy (M. Cro)
	Ogden (Lions)
	Patalis (Syd. O)
	Pontidas (Syd. O)
	Stevenson (P.M.)
	Villani (Adcity)

NSL LADDER

SYDNEY CROATIA	18	11	2	5	28	23	24
SOUTH MELB	18	9	6	3	27	24	24
MARCONI	17	9	5	3	32	14	23
WOLLONGONG	17	9	4	4	25	21	22
GEORGE CROSS	17	8	4	5	25	23	20
Melbourne Croatia	18	7	5	6	20	19	19
Footscray	18	5	8	5	28	23	18
Sydney Olympic	18	6	6	6	20	16	18
Adelaide City	18	5	7	6	24	24	17
APIA Leichhardt	17	5	4	8	20	26	14
St. George	17	5	3	9	26	25	13
Preston Makedonia	18	2	9	7	16	26	13
Brisbane Lions	16	4	3	9	21	32	11
Brunswick Juventus	17	2	4	11	15	31	8

YOUTH LEAGUE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SOUTH MELBOURNE	17	12	5	0	41	16	29
GEORGE CROSS	15	11	2	2	62	14	24
B. JUVENTUS	14	9	4	1	42	10	22
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	17	9	1	7	41	36	19
OAKLEIGH	16	7	4	5	32	35	18
Melbourne Croatia	17	7	4	6	40	34	18
Clifton Hill	17	5	5	7	37	50	15
Caulfield City	16	6	3	7	24	31	15
Clarinda	17	6	1	9	31	48	13
Footscray	16	6	2	8	23	27	14
Nunawading City	16	5	3	8	24	36	13
Heidelberg	16	2	5	9	20	40	9
Waw/Mulgrave	16	0	1	15	19	59	1

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE ROUND NINETEEN Sunday June 12th

MELBOURNE CROATIA v CAULFIELD CITY
 FOOTSCRAY v PRESTON
 NUNAWADING CITY v CLIFTON HILL
 OAKLEIGH v CLARINDA
 GEORGE CROSS v SOUTH MELBOURNE
 HEIDELBERG UNITED v WAWLEY/MULGRAVE

1972: v Santos (Brazil) in Sydney, drew 2-2, goals: Jimmy Rooney, Ray Baartz.

1973: v Irak in Sydney, won 3-1, goals: Alston 2, Branko Buljevic; v Irak in Melbourne, drew 0-0; v Irak in Sydney, won 3-0, goals: Altona, Atti Abonyi.

1984: v Uruguay in Melbourne, drew 0-0; v Uruguay in Sydney, won 2-0, goals: Baartz, Peter Ollerton; v Chile in West Berlin, drew 0-0.

1977: v Iran in Melbourne, lost 0-1; v Kuwait in Sydney, lost 1-2; goal: Rooney; v Kuwait in Kuwait, lost 0-1; v Iran in Teheran, lost 0-1.

1980: v Mexico in Sydney 2-2, goals: Ken Boden pen, John Yzendoorn; v Mexico in Melbourne 1-1, goal Gary Cole.

1985: v Vasco Da Gama (Brazil) in Sydney, lost 0-1; v Vasco Da Gama in Melbourne, won 2-1, goals: John Kosmina 2.

1987: v Chilean XI in South Korea, won 2-0, goals: Gary McDowall, Graham Arnold.

City coach faces fine

MAN OF THE MATCH:
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 MANIS LAMOND

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Villani 5th, Tobin 78th) SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (Slater 35th, Lamond 87th, Arnold 89th)

ADELAIDE City coach Zoran Matic faces the prospect of a \$1000 fine after criticising the performance by SA referee Jim Rossis during City's 3-2 loss to Sydney Croatia at Olympic Sports Field.

Matic was scathing in his criticism of Rossis, directly blaming him for Croatia's second goal, scored by the speedy Manis Lamond.

Matic claimed that Rossis was wrong in not pulling up an earlier Croatia infringement which eventually led to the goal.

"If that wasn't a foul then I don't want anything more to do with the game and the National Soccer League," he said.

"That man (Rossis) should not be allowed to referee an Adelaide City match again."

Under the NSL rules, officials and coaches are liable to a \$1000 fine if it is considered they have brought the game into disrepute.

Sydney Croatia continued its explosive form and sewed up the match in the last three minutes with goals by strikers Manis Lamond and Graham Arnold.

City put the first score on the board with a goal from midfielder Charley Villani in the fifth minute, but was unable to match Croatia's assertive attack throughout the game.

This second consecutive home-game loss leaves City, currently in eighth, struggling to find a berth in the top five.

Matic said the match, played in sodden conditions was more mud wrestling, than soccer.

"We were a little bit smarter but they were quicker in the mud," he said. "But in three minutes our dreams went."

Croatia player-coach Vedran Rozic, missing his third game after a knee injury, was pleased with his side's performance.

"I feel very well after winning, especially in these conditions," he said. "Our team put in a big effort from the start to finish and dominated the game."

With City's three corners to Croatia's 14, the visiting side showed its attacking dominance.

Croatia's first goal came in the 35th minute with a shot by Socceroo striker Robbie Slater after a try by fellow national

team member Alan Hunter rebounded.

The best save in the action-packed match came in the 16th minute when a pass by Villani to midfielder Sergio Melta to goal was well foiled by Croatia keeper Tony Franken.

The second half saw a goal for City in the 78th minute, when a shot by striker Joe Mullen rebounded and was shot into the corner of the net by teammate Alex Tobin.

Croatia scored again in the 87th minute with a shot to goal by Lamond which was followed two minutes later by a goal from Socceroo Arnold after a pass from substitute Tony Krslovic, who came on in the 83rd minute.

Nightmare welcome for Preston coach

MAN OF THE MATCH:
 ● ● ●
 DALE WHITE

PRESTON 1 (Tasevski 57th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (Lewis 4th, Milosevic 11th, White 16th, 77th)

ANDON Donevski was given a nightmare welcome to his home ground as his new side Preston, went down 4-1 to Melbourne Croatia at Connor Reserve.

Donevski, in charge for his first game since arriving from Yugoslavia a week ago, could hardly believe his eyes as Melbourne Croatia raced to a three goal lead in the opening 16 minutes.

Croatia won the toss and made the right decision to play with the strong wind blowing down the length of the ground.

It opened the score from its first attack in the fourth minute when Joe Biskic finished a run down the right wing with a cross which was missed by Preston defender Ian Roodhouse leaving striker Paul Lewis with the simple task of chesting the ball over the line.

SAMARAS PLOTS SOUTHS VICTORY

MAN OF THE MATCH:
 ● ● ●
 JOHN SAMARAS

Samaras, born in Melbourne, started his soccer career after his parents returned to Greece when he was twelve. He is a star with the OFI club and he has played 10 games for Greece.

The talented Greek has been visiting relatives in Melbourne when South Melbourne managed to gain an international release for him late Friday night.

Samaras, playing his one and only guest game while in Australia, scored with an expert chip past goalkeeper Clint Gosling.

South Melbourne coach Brian Garvey incurred the displeasure of the crowd when he replaced Samaras with Peter Tsolakis in the 72nd minute after Sydney Olympic had scored its goal.

The intention was to strengthen the left side whereas Samaras had been playing in the middle.

Sydney Olympic started brilliantly due to the dashing flank play of Grant Lee and Abbas Saad but their opponents, George Kalogeros and Angie Postecoglou, gradually got the upper hand and Kalogeros emerged as one of the stars of the match.

South Melbourne took the lead in the 15th minute when a long clearance from defender Paul Fernandes got stuck in a puddle on the wet pitch, enabling Danny Wright to outsmart Robbie Hooker and Gosling to put the ball into the empty net.

Sydney Olympic attacked furiously but attempts by John Kosmina and Saad were cleared off the goal line by Steve Blair and Postecoglou.

South Melbourne should have gone further ahead in the 65th minute when Wright, after being set up by Paul Trimboli, hit the post.

Kosmina missed from 5metres in the 70th minute but made amends with a goal from close range two minutes later.

The defeat has slowed Olympic's advance towards the top five while South Melbourne is almost certain of qualifying for the finals.

Footscray deals with Wollongong

MAN OF THE MATCH:
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 VLADO BOZINOVSKI

WOOLLONGONG 1 (Brodnik 75th) FOOTSCRAY 4 (Bozinovski 4th, 36th, Dimoski 9th, Spink 58th)

FOOTSCRAY striker Vlado Bozinovski celebrated his mid-week inclusion in the Socceroo squad with two goals in his team's 4-1 win over Wollongong City at Brandon Park.

Bozinovski grabbed one of the two goals Footscray scored in the opening nine minutes to take a stranglehold on the two points.

He also combined well with striking partner Warren Spink against a Wollongong defence which lacked pace and "bite".

The Wollongong players dropped off continually in the first half against quick and skillful build-up from the visitors. With Footscray leading 3-0 at half-time, Wolves' coach John Fleming replaced fullback David Skeen and midfielder Jock Morlando with Peter Kotamanidis and Randall Easthorpe.

Fleming also blasted his players and told them their pride was on the line after a shocking 45 minutes.

"We were simply not competitive enough and this was reflected by the halftime score."

It took Footscray just four minutes to hit the

lead, Milan Dimoski breaking clear down the right to allow Bozinovski to hammer a first-time shot past Wollongong goalkeeper Warwick Young.

Wollongong hardly had time to realise what had hit them before Dimoski made it 2-0.

Spink went on a long, weaving run before finding Dimoski 12m out and his finishing was perfect.

Wollongong guest striker Trevor Francis seemed unlucky not to earn a penalty when fouled by Dimoski before Footscray went to a 3-0 lead after 35 minutes.

Bozinovski was able to create space to receive a pass from Oscar Crino and virtually put the game out of Wollongong's reach with a good shot.

In the second half, Wollongong looked far more determined but Alan Brazil missed two clear-cut chances before Footscray scored its fourth goal with a breakaway.

It was another case of simple football getting results, the ever-alert Dimoski sending a cross towards the near post and a glancing header from Spink flew in to the net.

Pat Brodnik scored Wollongong's goal 15 minutes from the end and Footscray did well to soak up pressure from the

hometeam.

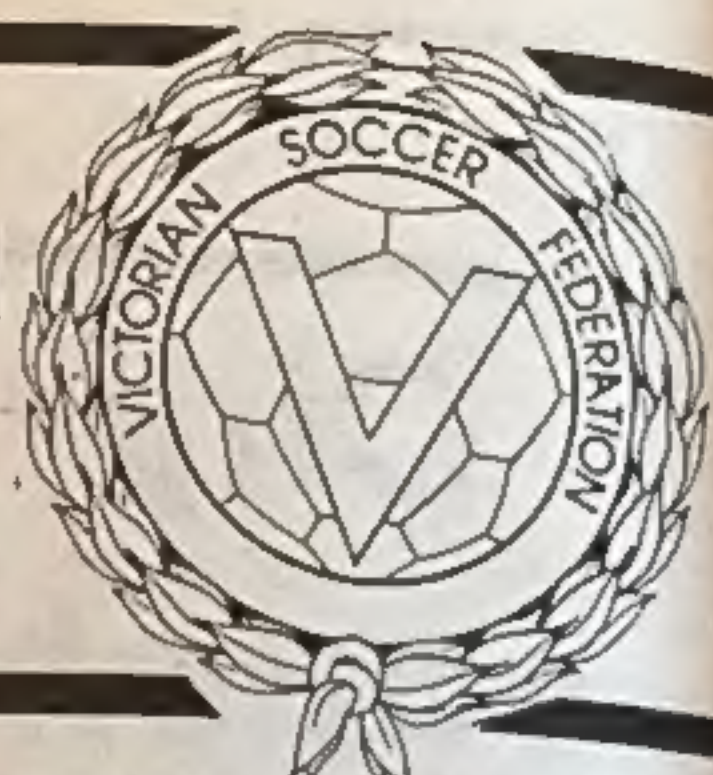


South goalscorer Danny Wright evades Olympic's grantlee.



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ROUND FOURTEEN DETAILS

BULLEEN 2 (Lujic 40th 70th) ST ALBANS 0

At Veneto Club, Saturday. Referee J. Santa Isabel. Cautions Kupresak (St.A.).

BULLEEN: Contini 8 — Marsan 7, Curulli 8, Krajacic 8, Curcio 7 — Angele 7 (Avian 62nd), Bozikas 7, Boarotto 7 (Romano 77th), Ruccia 8 — Trogrlic 8, Lujic 8. Coach Jimmy Rooney.

ST ALBANS: Grgic 6 — Dragovic 6 (Ratocic 75th), Colina 7, Gagula 6, Kuzman 5 — Kupresak 6, Duzel 8, Culina 6, Macan 6 — Kelic 6, Popovski 6. Coach Tony Vrzina.

Ansett best player award: Contini (B) 3, Lujic (B) 2, Duzel (St.A) 1.

CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Bitsonis 49th) OAKLEIGH 1 (Henderson 81st)

At Princes Park, Saturday. Referee J. Fraser. Cautions Theodoropoulos. CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer 5 — Bitsonis 6, Harris 8, Fattore 5, Filipou 6 — Theoharis 6 (Armstrong 87th), Alagizidis 6, Griffin 5, Abraam 6 (Boutis 62nd) — Goutzioulis 6, Zemunik 5. Coach Rocco Ilie.

OAKLEIGH: Kardamitsis 7 — Goullias 8, Grutzmacher 6, Henderson 6, Theodoropoulos 6 — Gort 6, Ross 6 (M. Gavardinas 76th), Halford 9, Livingstone 6 — Ward 6, Nicolaidis 5. Coach Takis Sviggos.

Ansett best player award: Halford (O) 3, Harris (C) 2, Goullias (O) 1.

HEIDELBERG 1 (Anastasiadis 26th) BOX HILL 0

At Olympic Village, Saturday. Referee N. Zachariadis.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 6 — Kanesoulis 7, Patiniotis 9, Ousalkas 7, Dowie 7 — O'Dell 6, Pappas 7, Anastasiadis 9, Theodoropoulos 7 (Bordignon 89th) — Morovic 8, Raynes 8. Caretaker coach J. Kriaris.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 8 — McArthur 7, Hanley 7 (Martinucci 70th), Davidson 8, Roodhouse 8 — Campbell 7, Burton 7, Brimmer 7, Thomas 6 (Mozzina 70th) — McBride 7, Aretis 7. Coach John Brown.

Ansett best player award: Patiniotis (H) 3, Anastasiadis (H) 2, Roodhouse (B.H) 1.

MORWELL FALCONS 0 SPRINGVALE CITY 0

At North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday. Referee P. Mateski. Cautions Bell, Morrey (S/vale).

MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds 7 — McMillan 7, Bruns 7, Clarke 7, Bingham 7 — Jeff Doyle 8, Jamie Doyle 7, Drakeford 8 (Stirton 78th), Cassar 7 — Sokoluk 8, Webster 7. Coach Bobby McLachlan.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Boland 8 — Rau 7, Whyte 7, Reilly 7, Bryden 7 — Findlay 7 (Bozic 60th), Bell 7, Verechia 7, Livingstone 7 — Morrey 7, Keenan 7. Coach Gus MacLeod.

Ansett best player award: Drakeford (M.F) 3, Boland (S) 2, Sokoluk (M.F) 1.

WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Tuck 77th, 84th) MARIBYRNONG 3 (o.g. 51st, Bonk 73rd, Baran 75th).

At Ralph Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Fearn. Sent off Warszawski (M). Cautions Kostrazewa (M).

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachiris 6 — Hamill 5, Kountouris 5, Pender 6, Esposito 6 — Dimovski 6, Kopsaftis 5, Williams 5, Metaxas 5 (Markovski HT) — Daley 6, Tuck 8. Coach Jimmy Condilis.

MARIBYRNONG: Kostrazewa 7 — Lipiarski 7, Stojcevski 5, Innes 6, Chetcuti 5 — Baran 6, Bonk 6, Watson 7, Lalic 6 (de Bono 78th), Warszawski (sent off), Przbyla 6 (Czapnik 63rd). Coach Jim McIntyre.

Ansett best player award: Tuck (W.S) 3, Lipiarski (M) 2, Kostrazewa (M) 1.

GREEN GULLY 2 (Quigley 20th, Wilson 47th) NORTHCOTE CITY 2 (Gilder 9th, Ramos 65th)

At Gully Reserve, Sunday. Referee F. Deak. Cautions Woodall (N), Cutler (G.G.).

GREEN GULLY: Sant 6 — Napoli 7, Cannell 7, McClelland 7, Grimaud 7 — O'Donnell 7, Farquarson 7, Douglas 7, Wilson 8 — Quigley 8, Smart 7 (Cutler 70th). Coach Willie Vassallo.

NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia 7 — N. Constantinou 6, Palmaricciotti 8, Kouremenos 7, J. Constantinou 7 — Manou 7, Bekiaris 7, Woodall 7, Tsangos 7 — Gilder 8, Ramos 8. Coach Roy McLaren.

Ansett best player award: Gilder (N) 3, Quigley (G.G) 2, Ramos (N) 1.

FAWKNER 1 (Brown 39th) RINGWOOD CITY 2 (Cummings 30th, Corvan 75th)

At Smith Reserve, Sunday. Referee B. Upjohn. Cautions Brown, Traikovski (F).

FAWKNER: Barba 6 — Chiavelli 6, Hennessy 7, Walsh 8, Campbell 8 — Fraser 6, Sabatino 7, Traikovski 9, Cullen 7 — Ferla 6, Brown 6. Coach Mike Lynn.

RINGWOOD CITY: Janssen 8 — Haupt (Myers 87th) Cumming 8, Nolan 8, Verniers 8 — Corvan 9, Angulo 7 (Wemyss HT), May 8, Crocker 7 — Nijholt 7, Davie 7. Coach Hans Petersen.

Ansett best player award: Corvan (R) 3, Traikovski (F), Cumming (R) 1.

PACIFIC TIMBER STATE LEAGUE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HEIDELBERG	14	10	2	2	27	10	22
GREEN GULLY	14	6	6	2	21	11	18
NORTHCOTE CITY	14	7	4	3	21	12	18
ST. ALBANS	14	7	4	3	21	14	18
Caulfield City	14	6	5	3	22	16	17
Croydon City	14	6	4	4	16	16	16
Thomastown	14	7	2	5	15	16	16
Morwell Falcons	14	6	4	4	13	12	15
Maribyrnong	14	5	3	6	23	20	13
Bulleen	14	4	5	5	13	16	13
Ringwood City	14	4	3	7	19	23	11
Springvale City	14	3	5	6	11	21	11
Fawkner	14	4	2	8	10	17	10
Box Hill	14	2	5	7	16	24	9
Western Suburbs	14	4	1	9	16	26	9
Oakleigh	14	2	4	8	9	19	9

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES RESULTS

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 MARIBYRNONG 4

HEIDELBERG 4 BOX HILL 0

GREEN GULLY 0 NORTHCOTE CITY 1

FAWKNER 2 RINGWOOD CITY 2

CAULFIELD CITY 1 OAKLEIGH 0

BULLEEN 1 ST. ALBANS 1

MORWELL FALCONS 4 SPRINGVALE CITY 0

CROYDON CITY 2 THOMASTOWN 1

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northcote City	14	11	3	0	40	11	25
Fawkner	14	8	2	4	31	18	18
Morwell Falcons	14	8	3	3	30	13	19
Bulleen	14	6	4	4	37	28	16
Ringwood City	14	5	6	3	31	25	16
Box Hill	14	6	2	6	32	25	14
Caulfield City	14	6	4	4	28	17	16
Green Gully	14	6	2	6	27	21	14
St. Albans	14	5	5	4	24	25	15
Heidelberg	14	7	2	5	27	29	15
Thomastown	13	4	4	5	23	31	12
Western Suburbs	14	5	2	7	15	34	12
Croydon City	14	5	3	6	22	17	13
Maribyrnong	14	5	1	8	24	38	11
Springvale City	14	2	1	11	12	34	5
Oakleigh	13	0	0	13	9	46	0

CROYDON CITY 0 THOMASTOWN 1 (Carfora 15th)

At Town Park, Sunday. Referee J. Hogg. Sent off Flavell (C), Cautions R. Runje (C), McMillan, Lewis (T).

CROYDON CITY: M. Runje 7 — Brown 8, R. Runje 7, McIntosh 7, Brack 8 — Flavell (sent off), Campbell 7, van Egmond 7 (Gabrielson 75th) — Bleiberg.

THOMASTOWN: Janakievski 7 — Mihalidis 7, Higgins 7, Planalto 9, McGuinness (Inf. Lewis 30th, 7), Athersych 7. Coach Bill Murray.

Ansett best player award: Planalto (T) 3, Cristaldo (T) 2, Brown (C) 1.

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STATE LEAGUE BEST PLAYER AWARD

Leaders after Round 14

16. Webster (M.F.) Harris (Caul)	Reynolds (M.F.) Warszawski (Mar.)
15. Contini (Bull.) Duzel (St. A)	7. Cannell (G.G.) Innes (Mar)
Roodhouse (B.H.)	Kostrazewa (Mar)
13. Gilder (North) Ramos (West)	McGuinness (Thom)
12. Daley (West) Higgins (Thom)	Nijholt (Ring)
11. Banovic (Heid) Culina (St.A)	6. Cullen (F) Davidson (B.H.)
Halford (Oak)	Dougherty (Thom)
Woodall (North)	Douglas (G.G.)
10. Anastasiadis (Heid) Drakeford (M.F.)	Findlay (Spr)
McIntosh (Croy)	Kardamitsis (Oak)
Patiniotis (Heid)	Raynes (Heid)
Quigley (G.G.)	Theoharous (Caul)
5. Baran (Mar) Bitsonis (Caul)	Wilson (G.G.)
Bonk (Mar)	
Campbell (Fawk)	
Corvan (Ring)	
Cumming (Ring)	
Griffin (Caul)	
Keenan (Spr)	
Pappas (Heid)	
Lujic (Bull)	
Sant (G.G.)	
Walsh (F)	
4. Bell (S/vale) Bruns (M.F.)	
Bozikas (Bull)	
Brown (Croy)	
Burton (B.H.)	
Curulli (Bull)	
Grgic (St. A)	
Janssen (Ring)	
Morrey (S/vale)	
Turudia (North)	

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OTHERS STUMBLE: BERGERS MARCH ON

THIS Saturday's State League round marks the halfway point in what is probably the most crucial year in the history of the V.S.F.

It is crucial because six clubs will be relegated at the end of the season and with the reduction of the League to only 12 clubs, it is highly probable that most of the six, if not all of them, will never experience State League status again.

So, halfway down the track, it might be instructive to look back to the end of last season to see how well the clubs prepared themselves for Reilly's New Order.

Last year's top four have so far met with varying degrees of success.

Champion Maribyrnong for instance has fared much better than most of

us would have expected.

After winning the championship, and also topping the Reserves table incidentally, the club virtually disintegrated over its financial problems, and over half the playing staff departed for greener pastures.

There was talk of amalgamation and, at one time, it seemed there might not be enough people left to form a committee, let alone field a team worthy of the State League.

But, after all the traumas, a dedicated handful have pulled the club round on a shoestring operation and at the halfway point, that's where Maribyrnong stands, about halfway and reasonably safe from relegation.

A lot of the credit for its performance to date must go to coach Jim McIntyre who is not only one of the quietest, but also one of the shrewdest in the game.

McIntyre has a first team squad of 14 believe it or not, and one of them is unavailable every third week through shift work.

It's a scenario that would send some of the NSL's more highly-paid practitioners into a frenzy, but McIntyre juggles his tiny squad week by week with seeming aplomb and what's more, enjoys it. "It's a bit of problem at times," he admitted this week.

"This mob (the squad) takes a bit of reining back sometimes, like last week. We were leading 3-0 against Western Suburbs with 15 minutes to go, but do you think they'd play it safe?"

"Not on your life. It was all-out attack with five up the front and I'm yelling my head off to no avail."

"It was kamikaze stuff and the inevitable happened."

"One of their players who'd had about three kicks all day potted two goals in the space of seven minutes and then was dead unlucky not to grab a hat-trick in the last minute when he shot over the bar when it would have been easier to score."

"Did I blast them when I got them back in the dressing room?"

"But that's their temperament and I don't think there's much I can do about it."

"It also keeps them going through in the tight

spots, like the game against Caulfield when we came back twice and finished up grabbing the equaliser in time on."

Keep it up, Jim, you're doing a fine job.

Green Gully is another club that has come through a bad patch and is now well on course again.

It is in second place, where it finished last season, and that's probably where it will finish this season.

Northcote City, presently lying third is the big improver of course.

It avoided relegation last season by the skin of its teeth yet, despite a couple of hiccups in the last three weeks, it is still a strong contender for the championship.

Most of the credit for

Frank McAleer after only two rounds.

That act not only made the club a laughing-stock it also condemned the team to spending the rest of this season struggling to get out of Reilly's cellar.

Act like that are bad for club morale and there is obviously a crisis of confidence at Fawkner.

Fawkner will be lucky to survive the cut.

Caulfield finished in the four last year and probably will do again, but its top four won't alter for the rest of the season.

You couldn't, in all fairness, describe

Croydon City as a flop, because its present position, sixth, is a big improvement on the eleventh it finished in last year.

But after the recruiting it has done it's a disappointment, nevertheless.

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It also has a star in John Anastasiadis who is going to be a very good player, almost in the Goutzioulis class, but not quite.

Fourth-placed St Albans, is doing quite nicely, thank you, con-

sidering how coach Tony Vrzina was preaching gloom at the start of the season.

Just when the clouds looked darkest and Vrzina was bewailing the loss of some of his best players, the silver lining emerged in the shape of Ivan Kelic and Bill Popovski.

And of course, St Albans has a star in Ivan Duzel, who just oozes class.

St Albans will stay in the top four, in fact I think the top four won't alter for the rest of the season.

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WE WERE WRONG

In the Brian James column of our April 14 issue it was stated that the referee in charge of the Croydon City v. Heidelberg game was making his State League debut.

We now know that statement to be incorrect, as the referee concerned had refereed a State League game last season, and we apologise for the oversight.

FLASH BACK TO '87

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Maribyrnong	28	18	6	4	43	23	42
Green Gully	28	14	11	3	43	27	39
Fawkner	28	18	6	4	45	24	38
Caulfield City	28	12	11	5	39	25	35
St. Albans	28	12	10	6	39	29	34
Thomastown	28	10	11	7	31	33	31
Morwell Falcons	28	7	13	8	31	29	27
Springvale City	28	8	11	9	32	35	27
Western Suburbs	28	10	6	12	38	38	26
Box Hill	28	7	10	11	38	33	24
Croydon City	28	5	13	10	30	36	23
Oakleigh	28	8	6	14	38	47	22

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Spink.

SOUTH MELBOURNE drew 1-1
Spink.

ST GEORGE lost 0-2
WOLLONGONG drew 0-0
PRESTON MAKEDONIA drew 1-1
Spink.

ADELAIDE CITY drew 2-2
Spink, Murphy

MELBOURNE CROATIA lost 0-2
SYDNEY CROATIA won 3-0
Dimoski 2, Crino.

MARCONI lost 0-1
SYDNEY OLYMPIC drew 1-1
Dimoski.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1-1
Crino

APIA-LEICHHARDT drew 2-2
Spink, Fabrizio.
BRISBANE LIONS lost 2-4
Spink, Dimoski.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS won 4-1
Spink, Deankovic, Dimoski, Fabrizio.
SOUTH MELBOURNE drew 1-1
Spink.

ST GEORGE won 2-1
Spink, Bozinovski.
WOLLONGONG won 4-1
Bozinovski 2, Dimoski, Spink.

BEACH FASHION CUP
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS drew 1-1
lost 7-6 on penalties.
Bozinovski.

GOALSCORERS
Spink 11, Dimoski 6, Crino 4,
Bozinovski 4, Fabrizio 2,
Murphy, Dankovic.
TOTAL 29



● Back Row: Gary van Egmond, Tyrone James, Zoran Nikitovic, Drago Deankovic, Oscar Crino, Eddie Campbell (now Fawcner). ● Front Row: Vlado Bozinovski, Ken Murphy, Warren Spink, Ernie Tapai, Luciano Fabrizio.

THIS Sunday's game with Preston Makedonia is a vital one as far as Footscray JUST's chances of making the final five are concerned.

If the Blues win this one, they will be in a good position to mount a challenge to Melbourne Croatia and George Cross for fifth position.

That is a big improvement on the situation of only six weeks ago, when it seemed that staving off relegation would have to be the main priority. Last week's big win over Wollongong, notwithstanding the presence of both

Alan Brazil and Trevor Francis, has done wonders for the players' confidence and they now have the feeling that nothing is beyond them.

As far as final five hopes are concerned, Footscray's fate is virtually in its own hands, because in the seven rounds remaining after this week, it meets four of the six teams above it on the ladder.

Possibly the most crucial game of all will be the one on July 31 when Footscray travels to Chaplin Reserve to take on George Cross, the team it is most likely to be vying with for fifth spot. Footscray will also have a say in the relegation jussle. Juventus will be

praying hard for a Footscray victory on Sunday because that would bring Preston nearer to the Black and Whites.

And Footscray's very last match of the home-and-away series could be the relegation decider, against struggling Brisbane Lions.

The omens are good. Ernie Tapai is ready to come back after a long lay-off with a knee problem, and National coach Frank Arok has recognised the talent at Footscray with his call-up of Vlado Bozinovski and Gary van Egmond.

Then there's "Spinky" of course, pressing Frank Farina hard for the League's top goalscoring honour and the peerless Oscar Crino.

GAMES REMAINING

June 19 ADELAIDE CITY away
June 26 MELBOURNE CROATIA home
July 3 SYDNEY CROATIA away
JULY 10/17 MARCONI away
July 24 SYDNEY OLYMPIC home
July 31 GEORGE CROSS away
August 7 BRISBANE LIONS home



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INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

DESPITE playing into the teeth of a howling gale, Fibremakers played a first half of disciplined and often classy football.

Fibremakers United went into the major break having held Northcote United to a 1-1 score-line, an 8th minute Craig Patrick goal having cancelled out a George Bozikos 3rd minute rocket.

Playing with the wind behind them, however, Fibremakers lost all their rhythm, allowing Northcote to establish long periods of territorial dominance.

Unlike their opponents, the Northcote players remembered to keep the ball on the turf, and with brisk and expert interpassing continually threatened the Fibremakers' defence.

It was no surprise when, at the 68th minutes, Stathis Karasavidis, having neatly evaded two challengers, delivered a pin-point pass to Spiro Psimaris, who had only to evade the goalkeeper to put Northcote ahead.

Another 18 minutes passed with the game following the same pattern: Fibremakers

kicking long and high, and not being able to control the ball, while Northcote continually brought it back into attack with disciplined teamwork.

But someone up there must love Fibremakers, as they were now the beneficiaries of not one but two miracles.

Nigel Kirk was fouled wide on the right flank, and floated what seemed to be an innocuous free kick wide of the far post.

With the sun in his eyes, a defender turned his back to the ball, which struck him on the shoulder, rebounded back toward the near post, where Robbie Pongho did not even have to nod his head to push the ball over the line wide of a hopelessly stranded keeper.

Five minutes later, Fibremakers gained a throw again wide on the right flank, from which the ball evaded a forest of legs, finally rolling to the feet of Craig Patrick, who put Fibremakers ahead.

The remaining two minutes of play yielded

another two chances for Northcote to equalise, but they were not up to it.

While the final whistle blew on a very relieved Fibremakers, they still deserve both the credit as well as the points.

There were times when they could have given up, but did not.

It was through their persistence that their second half chances, although lucky, were made the most of.

Now that they have reached the top of the ladder, they will be very hard to shift.

Some weeks ago, we mentioned that the sorting of the men from the boys had begun in Division 2A. Rowville were on the wrong end of a convincing thrashing.

Just the same, they took our remarks to heart and were quite put out about it all.

"Alright, smarty-pants," they said, "Just you watch us."

Well, we have watched them, and they have not lost a game since, League

or Cup, and today were rewarded when they downed Division leaders, Windsor, to usurp the top spot.

This was a result full of merit, with both teams handling the difficult conditions extremely well.

Rowville's win and their top position were both thoroughly deserved.

Windsor's brief reign at the top was ended by this result, but Dandy Dynamo failed to grab the chance of returning to the leadership when they were held to a 1-1 draw by North Dandenong Sparrows.

In other matches in this Division, CSUV had the better of Dandenong United 2-1, while Thomastown United displayed discipline and cohesive teamwork overcame the individual flair of Preston Pythons to win 3-1.

This was a match played at blinding pace throughout and for the casual spectator and the purist alike was a delight to watch.

In Division 1, Middle Park retained their league leadership with a convincing 4-1 victory over Glenroy Doxa United, but failed to pull any further clear of a stubborn and persistent Altona Ilinden, which outlasted Australian Airlines for a 3-2 result.

There now seem to be only 4 contenders for the League Championship.

Middle Park have a 2 point break on Altona Ilinden, with St Albans Dynamo a further point back and 1 point clear of Hampton Park United.

Logically, there seems little chance of Middle Park being headed, but with 11 rounds to go,

anything can still happen.

The Division 3 East Championship is rapidly developing into a question of how far in front will Dallas be at the end.

Now the only League team left with a perfect record, Dallas can afford to look on as their likely opponents keep beating one another.

Dallas' latest victim is Bowater, which probably made the trip west with a certain degree of confidence.

One sure comment is that Bowater's Paul Sullivan did his bit, contributing a tradesman like hat-trick, but it was all to no avail as the Dallas ace goal-sneak, Dolic, rapped in his second 5-goal haul of the season.

The remaining Dallas goal was scored by Frank Fujio.

With a 3 point break on its nearest rival, Garden City, and a +22 goal difference, Dallas is sitting pretty.

There are three immediate challengers for the second spot, with Keeley Kings a further 3 points behind Garden City, and a point clear of Bowater and Essendon Tramway.

The Trammies probably sprang the surprise of the round in this Division when they took on the fancied Keeley Kings combination and demolished it 4 goals to 1.

In Division 3 West, Altona Heights continues its slide from glory, and is now 4 points off the pace.

Meanwhile Tottenham has maintained its convincing run. In this round, it took the Altona Heights defence apart for a 5-1 result, and is rapidly building up a formidable goal difference.

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FIBREMAKERS HIT THE TOP

beware of the Spiders who are only a point in arrears.

A point further back, Youth United continued its impressive run with a sound 3-1 win over West Footscray Levan, while neither Springvale Eagles nor Northcote United, both on 8 points, can be discounted at this early stage.

There will be no League games this coming weekend, as everything stops for the Country Championships, to be held in Shepparton over the 3 days, June 11th, 12th and 13th.

The league travels north to defend the Championship it won in Ballarat last year, but has no illusions about having an easy time of it.

Latrobe Valley and North Eastern were both top combinations last year, and have probably improved since.

Bendigo has steadily improved year by year.

There is no reason why it will not be stronger in 1988 than in 1987, nor can Sunraysia be discounted.

Country Championship
SATURDAY, JUNE 11th:

10.30am IASLV vs North Eastern
11.45am Bendigo vs Latrobe Valley
1.00pm Sunraysia vs IASLV
2.15pm North Eastern vs Bendigo
3.30pm Latrobe Valley vs Sunraysia

SUNDAY, JUNE 12th:
10.30am IASLV vs Bendigo
11.45am North Eastern vs Latrobe Valley
1.00pm Sunraysia vs Bendigo
2.15pm Latrobe Valley vs IASLV
3.30pm North Eastern vs Sunraysia

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Preston Pythons vs RAAF College
Middle Park vs Youth United
Fibremakers United v Berwick United
Altona Heights v Highpoint
Dallas United v Rowville United
St Albans Dynamo v Windsor

MANSFIELD BUNNEY INVITATION CUP DRAW — 3RD JULY 1988
Apollo United v Kings Park Heights
Swinburn v Glenroy Doxa United
Footscray United v Middle Park
Altona Ilinden v Highpoint

VICTORIAN LEAGUE
Division One
Altona Gaia 1
Nunawading City 0

ALTONA: S. Lee, M. Kravetski, L. Talevski, J. Serovski, T. Drincovsky, A. Davis, Z. Iliovski (G. Georgievski 80), K. Asimovski, S. Micevski, I. Tasevski, M. Ristovski. NUNAWADING: G. Sullivan, C. Galafiere, J. Samtoy, C. Barker, J. O'Reilly, P. Chiaravalle, A. Christidis, D. Azzopardi (S. Randazzo-60), T. Neal, L. Greener, K. Taylor.

AN 88th minute goal from Mendo Ristovski ended Nunawading's winning streak.

The undefeated Altona Altona side had more of the game territorially but Nunawading's disciplined

defence and some fine goalkeeping by Sullivan looked like earning a draw until the dying minutes when Altona won the ball in their own half and quickly transferred play to the left wing. This caught Unawading on the back foot and the cross found Ristovski unmarked in front of goal and he made no mistake.

Earlier in the match, Sullivan had made an incredible save from the player and twice the woodwork saved Nunawading, which did not create a great deal of up front.

Its best chance came in the 63rd minute when a Taylor free kick beat the

Altona defence and Randazzo just failed to capitalise on the chance with keeper Lee out of position.

Division Two
Waverley City 2
Ringwood Utd 3

WAVERLEY CITY: M. Perree, P. Storey, A. Wilson, A. Perree, Z. Stojkovic, G. Drouge, T. Grimwade capt., S. Ruzmir, G. Ireson, R. Parkin, C. Tsapatolis, Subs: S. Sullivan, G. Pavlou, C. Pavlou res. keeper.

RINGWOOD UTD: Petrov, Caddie, Lennon, Nelson, Sedlarevic, Cuetkovic, Gurney, Pentland, Demir, Phillips, Brkic, Subs: Deulic, Despotovic.

BOTH teams started out in attacking form and, early on, misses by Parkin and Tsapatolis proved costly for Waverley.

Ringwood went ahead when a through ball was latched onto by Brkic with everyone, including the Ringwood linesman who had his flag up for offside waiting for the whistle, but Brkic was allowed to carry on and put Ringwood one up.

Some bad defensive play by Waverley allowed Ringwood to go two up when Perree came out of his goal but the ball was played past him and Brkic had the easy task of slotting the ball into the net.

With the wind behind them for the second half everyone was expecting better things from the Waverley team, but disaster struck when after only five minutes Zoren Stojkovic was making his debut for Waverley sliced the ball into his own net to put Waverley three down. Waverley did try hard but the steadiness of Alec Nelson at the back and the brilliance of goalkeeper Petrov kept Waverley out, but even they could not stop the best goal of the game when Sava Ruzmir collected the ball just outside the penalty box and fired an unstoppable shot into the top corner of the net.

This spurred Waverley on and, seven minutes later, Geoff Ireson found himself clear but his shot was parried by Petrov but fell to Tsapatolis who made no mistake.

Waverley surged forward for the equaliser but it was not to be and must rue those two chances very early in the game which could have made all the difference.

Doncaster Rovers 0
Doveon 2

DONCASTER's tactics against league leaders Doveon were obvious

from the start "the best defence is attack" and attack they did.

The main architects of the Rovers' attack were Talia and Fernandes, who continually pushed and prodded the Doveon defence looking for an opening. Milne playing a superb role in the centre of the Doveon defence, marshalled his defenders to withstand the Rovers attacks.

Twenty minutes into the game, Doveon, through Ollerton and company, started to control the game, with their midfielders making full use of the wings. In the 29th minute, after a poor clearance from Twine, which gave Doveon a corner Doveon went ahead with a shot by McDonald after a melee in the Rovers six yard box.

The next 15 minutes were the Rovers' best period in the game, with Talia scoring for Doncaster a free kick 20 metres out. Fernandes should have made more of the opportunity when a defensive blunder put him one on one with the Doveon keeper.

The second half saw Doveon starting to dominate the play, building from the back through Milne, only to be let down with some poor finishing from their forwards.

Doncaster could only soak up the pressure and counter attack when the opportunity arose. During one of the periods when Rovers had Doveon under pressure, that a long clearance into the Rovers half saw Rovers Pucovski dispossessed and the ball crossed 30 metres to the waiting Ollerton who easily beat the Rovers' keeper with a well-placed header.

Doncaster, obviously disappointed in giving away such a simple goal, fought out the last 15 minutes with character. At the final whistle Doveon retained their two goal advantage to stay top of the second division.

Rovers reserves continued on their winning way with a 2-0 defeat of Doveon.

Division Four
Boronia 0
Langwarrin 5

BORONIA: K. Marsh, I. Williamson, G. Hobson, Dino Milosevic, C. Langdon, C. Pavey, G. Greenwald, D. Bain (sub: D. Tattersall 50th), sub: C. Whyte 69.

LANGWARRIN: W. Donald, P. Tuckett, N. Plaskitt, M. Jones, P. Smith, C. Burnett, T. McCrum, D.

Miller (sub: S. Sullivan 66th), S. Spencer, M. Hardy, A. Miller, M. Price (on 66).

LAST week's loss of 7-1 by Boronia was its own fault. In this match referee Kenneth Given said he mistakenly put Langwarrin's inexperienced linesman on to his own forwards. The young man spent most of the time on the halfway line.

At 27 minutes Hardy pushed Boronia's Milosevic in the back as he jumped to head away a free kick and Hardy scored the visitors first goal with his own flicker back header.

Fifteen minutes later Spencer scored the visitors second goal from an offside position with the linesman still near the halfway line.

Boronia found it hard to recover from this state of affairs and three more goals were netted despite Boronia having most of the game.

The home supporters were really urging their team on but the Melton defence proved equal to the task and held on to the end. Best for United were Tucker, Foster and McLean.

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S. Eliazovski (L. Ozyurek -86 min.), S. Memedovski (K. Craven-65 min.), S. Yildirim, H. Sepetci.

AS the score suggests, it was a close game but luck was on South's side.

A missed penalty by Janovic in the third minute plus two strikes against the woodwork did nothing for the home team's moral.

Two early goals by Yildirim put the visitors in a strong position but when Kilic scored for Kensington 11 minutes before the break the game was evenly balanced.

The home team's Lim and Vujic were both guilty of missing sound chances that should have brought goals.

South's Sepetci caused a few problems for the home defence but his skills on the ball were negated by poor finishing. Kensington played good soccer throughout but a dogged, and sometimes lucky, South defence held out to take home the two points.

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● SNIPPETS

Republic of Ireland in the afternoon and Holland meeting the Soviet Union in Cologne at night.

On June 15, England meets Holland in the afternoon in Dusseldorf, whilst the Soviet Union takes on the Republic of Ireland in the evening in Hanover.

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Lalor Utd B 5 Hberg Utd B 0

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T'own	6	6	0	11	0	12	

	Mand M	6	3	1	1	1	2	4	9
	Gorge X	6	4	2	1	1	1	8	7
Fts	Hanrope	5	4	0	1	1	3	6	6
12	Mahew Cy	6	3	1	2	1	1	10	7
12	Preston B	6	2	2	2	1	1	9	6
10	Juvie B	6	3	0	3	1	5	9	6
8	G'borough	6	2	1	3	1	1	7	5
7	Fawkner B	5	2	1	2	1	0	9	5
4	Lalor Uld B	4	1	0	3	6	1	6	2
4	Hberg Uld C	6	0	0	6	0	3	9	0
3	Kcoote Cy B	6	0	0	6	1	4	7	0

PENINSULA

- Baxter 6 Hastings 0
- Seaforth 4 Benwick City 1
- Skye Rovers 6 Peninsula 1

	Langwarrin 4 Cranbourne 0	
	Mornington 0 S. Svala A 2	
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	Sloye Rsv 5 5 0 0 36 1 10	
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4	Highpoint 0 Altona City 3	
4	Yarraville 0 East Altona 3	
2	St Albans 3 Sydenham Park 0	
2	Green Gully 0 Kellar 2	
1	Sunshine HS 7 Albion 0	
	P W D L A Pts	

Altham U	4	0	0	1	2	5
Eltham	3	1	2	21	21	7
Wav/MulA	5	3	0	2	15	6
Sval Cy A	6	3	0	3	19	17
Forest Hill	5	3	0	2	14	17
Don Rov A	5	2	1	2	12	12
Don Rov A	5	2	1	2	18	14
D'ning	5	2	1	2	12	12
Glen Wav	5	2	0	3	8	16
Bullen	5	2	0	3	8	16
Cinda A	5	1	1	3	3	3
Svale Ud	6	1	0	5	14	30

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Prabrah/Brighton I	1	Clarinia	B 1			
Brunswick City	3	Peninsula	2			
Langwarrin I	1	Cranebourne	A 0			
East Richmond	5	Hampton Pk	1			
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B'wick City	5	5	0	0	1	7
L'warrin	6	4	1	1	5	8

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8		Cbourne A	5	1	2	2	7	4
11		Peninsula	4	1	0	3	7	2
10		Kairaling B	3	1	0	2	3	10
10		Prah/Brit	5	0	2	3	4	19
9		Clarinda B	5	0	2	3	4	19
6		Hampton P	2	0	0	2	2	8
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2		Mordialloc 2 Cranbourne B 0						
2		Dingley 3 Port Melbourne						
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8	Brimar	5	4	0	1	24	5	8
5	E. Bent	4	4	0	0	11	5	6
5	Mallac A	5	3	0	2	11	5	6
4	Elwood	4	2	1	1	16	6	5
4	Kew Eagles	4	2	0	2	6	6	4
4	Cbourne B	4	1	1	2	4	9	3
3	Dingley	5	1	1	3	12	24	3
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Newton	1	0	0	1	0	9	0
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Altona Gate 4	East Richmond 0	
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G'long City	6	4 2 0 14 7 10
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Skye Rrs A	6	4 0 2 16 8 8
Melb Crtia	6	3 2 1 21 18 7
Preston	6	3 1 2 17 7 6
East Rich	6	3 0 3 15 13 8
Footscray	6	2 2 2 14 12 6
Wav City	5	1 1 3 9 11 3
S'vale City A	6	0 2 4 6 15 2
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Seaford	0	Malvern	Cy	5	
Sth Melbourne	4	Clayton	0		
Elwood	3	S'vale	Condors	0	
P W L F A P1					
Malvern Cy	6	0	0	39	6
Bullen	5	3	1	15	3
Seaford	6	3	1	27	15
L'dale Utd	6	3	0	3	11
S'vale Cdrs	6	3	0	3	10
S'vale Utd	5	1	1	0	20
Elwood	5	1	0	0	20
M'park	4	1	0	3	23
Clayton	6	0	0	6	25
NORTHERN					
Mordialoc	3	Altona	Cy	3	
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Bell Park	3	H'berg	Cy	4	
P W L F A P1					
Clifton H	5	4	0	1	30
Nth G'long	4	3	0	1	26
Rill h'g	2	3	0	0	1

Fowler	3	3	0	0	1	2	5	6
Midvale	4	1	1	2	8	1	4	3
Altana City	4	1	1	2	0	1	8	3
H'berg City	4	1	1	2	8	1	7	3
Melb Crot	4	0	1	3	8	1	1	1
G'borough	2	0	1	1	4	1	8	1
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Bell Park	4	0	1	3	7	2	5	1
Niote City	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0

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Sth Melbourne 4 Clayton 0

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Fawkner	3	3	0	0	12	5	6
M'dialloc	4	1	1	2	8	14	3
Altona Cty	4	1	1	2	10	18	3
H'berg Cty	4	1	1	2	8	17	3
M'ly C'ty	4	0	1	2	8	11	3

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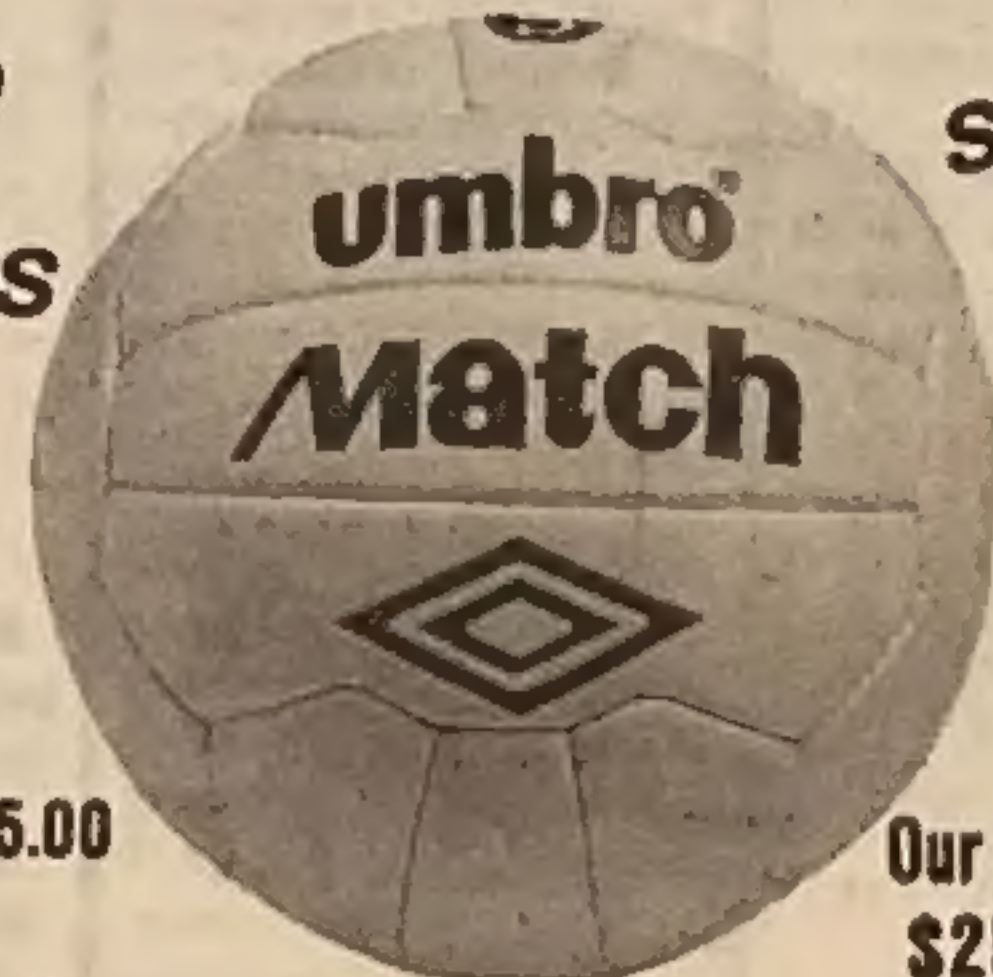
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Juventus
Sydney Croatia v
Brisbane Lions

VICTORIAN
LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE
Saturday June 11th
Frankston Pines v
Essendon City
Nunawading City v
Broadmeadows City
Mooroolbark v
Altona Gate
Richmond v
Albion
Werribee v
Knox City
Mordialloc v
Dandenong
Sunbury United v
Westgate

STATE LEAGUE
Saturday June 11th
Springvale City v
Bulleen
St Albans v
Caulfield City
Oakleigh v
Fawkner
Western Suburbs v
Croydon City
Thomastown v
Morwell Falcons
Ringwood City v
Green Gully
Northcote City v
Heidelberg United
Box Hill v
Maribyrnong

DIVISION TWO
Saturday June 11th
Yarraville v
Keilor
Doveton
Eltham
Port Melbourne v
Doncaster Rovers
Prahran/Brighton v
Clifton Hill
Ringwood United v
Altona City
Sandringham City v
Waverley City
Heidelberg City v
Nth Geelong

DIVISION THREE
Saturday June 11th
Moorabbin City v
Lalor United
Corio/Geelong Utd v
Hamlyn Rangers
Moreland Pk Rangers v
Clarinda
Yallourn v
Hawthorn
Geelong v
Coburg
Mornington v
Bell Park
Seaford United v
Springvale Utd

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday June 11th
Williamstown v Karingal
Utd
Keysborough v
Holland Park
Pascoe Vale v
Fernree Gully
Rosanna v
East Brunswick/Ivanhoe
City
Langwarrin v
Chelsea
Bentleigh Greens v
Boronia

PROVISIONAL
LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE
Saturday June 11th
Melton v
Malvern City
Nth Sunshine v
Diamond Valley Utd
Mossfield v
Clayton
Brunswick City v
Central City
Prahran v
Ballarat
Regent v
Ardeer

DIVISION TWO
Saturday June 11th

Glenroy v
East Geelong
Lalor v
Dingley/Skye Utd.
Monash University v
Cranbourne
Monbulk v
Batman United
Oakleigh Suburbs v
Ascot Vale City
Springvale Condors v
Berwick City
South Yarra v
Waverley/Mulgrave
Utd

DIVISION THREE
Saturday June 11th
South Dandenong v
Meadow Park

Parkmore v
Kensington Utd.
Port United v
Carrum United
Ringwood Rovers v
Brintons
St Kilda v
Ascot St Marks
Sth Springvale v
Forest Hill
Uni of Melb v
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DIVISION FOUR
Saturday June 11th
Northern Utd v
Fitzroy City
Riversdale v
Kew Eagles
Altona United v
Debnay Park

AMATEUR LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE
Sunday June 12th
Waverley Wanderers v
Diggers Rest
Hawthorn United v
Collingwood City
Keilor United v
Balwyn City
Latrobe University v
Anstey United
Melb University v
Phillip Inst.

DIVISION TWO
Sunday June 12th
Oakleigh United v
Maccabi
Furlan United v
Intercity

Old Scotch v
East Richmond
R.M.I.T. v
Diamond Valley
Upfield v
Concorde
Yarra United v
Camberwell
Grammer

DOCKERTY CUP
2nd MAIN ROUND
Monday June 13th
Oakleigh v
Clifton Hill
Box Hill v
Ringwood City
Altona Gate v
Caulfield City
Fawkner v
Maribyrnong
Clarinda v
E. Bruns/Ivanhoe
Green Gully v
Bulleen
Albion v
Western Suburbs
Morwell Falcons v
Prahran/Brighton

ARMSTRONG CUP
1st MAIN ROUND
Springvale United v
Oakleigh v
Croydon City
Bulleen v
Caulfield City
Ringwood City
Waverley City v
Altona Gate
Essendon City v
Seaford Utd
Pl. Melbourne v
Sandringham
Albion v Yarraville
E. Bruns/Ivanhoe v
Green Gully
Prahran/Brighton v
Hawthorn
Westgate v
Dandenong City
Heidelberg Utd v
S'vale City

ARMSTRONG CUP
1st MAIN ROUND
Springvale United v
Oakleigh v
Croydon City
Bulleen v
Caulfield City
Ringwood City
Waverley City v
Altona Gate
Essendon City v
Seaford Utd
Pl. Melbourne v
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Westgate v
Dandenong City
Heidelberg Utd v
S'vale City

Clarinda
Waverley City v
Altona Gate
Essendon City v
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Pt. Melbourne v
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Albion v
Yarraville
E. Bruns/Ivanhoe v
Green Gully
Prahran/Brighton v
Hawthorn
Westgate v
Dandenong City
Heidelberg Utd v
S'vale City
Monday June 13th
DOCKERTY CUP
2nd MAIN ROUND
Oakleigh v Clifton Hill
Box Hill v Ringwood City
Altona Gate v Caulfield City
Fawkner v Maribyrnong
Clarinda v E. Bruns/Ivanhoe
Green Gully v Bulleen
Albion v Western Suburbs
Morwell Falcons v Prahran/Brighton
ARMSTRONG CUP
1st MAIN ROUND
Springvale United v Coburg
Oakleigh v Croydon City
Bulleen v Caulfield City
Ringwood Utd v Ringwood City
Waverley City v Altona Gate
Essendon City v Seaford Utd
Pl. Melbourne v Sandringham
Albion v Yarraville
E. Bruns/Ivanhoe v Green Gully
Prahran/Brighton v Hawthorn
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GEORGE CROSS
v
SOUTH
MELBOURNE**

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